Business Manager Role

- ASA(ALT) Concept
 - Contracting Officer as business manager
 - Different role than Program Manager as business manager
 - Not just experts in contracting
 - Wide range of tools available to solve contracting problems
 - Draws on expertise in numerous technical areas
 - RCI is one example
 - Grants, commercial contracts, real-estate venture

Skills of the Business Manager

- Requires a good business background
 - Must understand how business works
 - Must understand what motivations exist in the business world
 - Must understand how motivation changes over time (the business cycle)
- Requires the ability to use the business background to construct business arrangements and contracting vehicles